

Environment Committee

Meeting date: October 13, 2020

For the Metropolitan Council meeting of October 28, 2020

Subject: Public Hearing Request for Lift Station L32 Draft Facility Plan Project in Fridley, MCES Project No. 809400

District(s), Member(s): District 2 Reva Chamblis

Policy/Legal Reference: MN Rule 7077.0272, subpart 3

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Proposed Action

That the Metropolitan Council authorize a public hearing on December 17, 2020 to gather input on the draft Facility Plan for Lift Station L32A (Fridley) Project, MCES Project No. 809400.

Background

A public hearing is required for a draft facility plan prior to its adoption by the Metropolitan Council as a condition for obtaining project financing through the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority. If authorized by the Metropolitan Council, a virtual public hearing will be held on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 4:00 pm.

Rationale

Lift Station L32 is a 50-year-old facility, which is in need of complete replacement, including the electrical, mechanical and structural components. Corrosion at the facility has impacted the structural integrity of the wet well and other lift station components. The existing L32 site is not large enough to allow construction of the replacement facilities while maintaining flows. The proposed project will include constructing a new lift station across the Mississippi River in Fridley, odor control facilities on both sides of the river, and other improvements to provide a complete operational facility.

Thrive Lens Analysis

This action advances the Thrive outcome of stewardship and the Thrive principle of collaboration. Public financial resources will be invested efficiently and effectively to maintain and restore wastewater infrastructure, which protects the region's natural resources.

Funding

Preliminary funds for the project's planning, design, and construction are proposed in the 2021 Capital Program. MCES intends to submit this project to PFA for inclusion in its 2021 Intended Use Plan.

Known Support / Opposition

MCES staff is not aware of opposition to the project.